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[1](#)1. (SBU) Summary. Poloff met with Colonel Pavel Slopovsky, Director of Slovakia's Bureau of International Police Cooperation, on April 16 to follow up on Interior Minister Kalinak's expressed interest in the possibility of sending Slovak police trainers to Afghanistan (Ref A). According to Slopovsky, Slovakia has 8 English-speaking police officers trained and ready to deploy on short notice. A recommendation to send two officers through the Europol mission was conveyed to Kalinak and Police President Jan Packa ahead of the April NATO Summit. Slopovsky is still waiting for a response. End summary.

[1](#)2. (C) Slopovsky said Foreign Minister Miro Lajcak wrote to Kalinak just days before the NATO Summit asking if the Interior Ministry had anything President Gasparovic could offer to the mission in Afghanistan if he was specifically asked for a contribution at the summit. Given the short notice, Slopovsky's staff never had time to submit a detailed, written plan. In a private meeting with Kalinak and Packa, however, Slopovsky recommended sending 2 officers through the Europol mission and requested he be ordered to draw up a detailed plan and budget. While Kalinak did not mention this initiative during his April 2 meeting with the Charge, he did voice a willingness to pursue sending police officers to Afghanistan under an EU umbrella. But, as of April 16, Slopovsky had not had any feedback from the Ministry or the Police Presidium. Slopovsky recommended the Embassy discuss the issue further with President Gasparovic or his staff and ask the Presidential office to encourage Kalinak to move forward with planning.

[1](#)3. (SBU) Charge will raise this issue with President Gasparovic during a scheduled meeting on April 23, and will follow up with the MFA as well.

[1](#)4. (U) Slovakia currently has 14 police trainers deployed on overseas missions. Eight Slovak officers serve in an EU mission in Kosovo; two serve with the OSCE in Georgia; two with the EU on the Ukraine/Moldova border, and two with the UN in Cyprus.  
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